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Subject: RE: Harris County visit to EPA October 16, 2012
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Hi Jessica,

David Gray called and we are working on the meeting. Thanks so much for your help! Hope we get a chance to talk soon.

Among the issues we would like to discuss is the on-going discovery with the PRPs to see if there is anything we can do to help the government build support for a comprehensive final site remediation plan.

Another issue we are struggling with here is the impact the site is having on commercial, subsistence and recreational fishing and the attendant health threat.

I'm sure you are aware that the Texas Department of Health Services issued a consumption ban regarding key fin and shell fish taken from the San Jacinto River and upper Galveston Bay. Last week we met with Parks and Wildlife Officials and representatives from the TCEQ to discuss the effectiveness of the ban and there is a strong consensus that fish are being taken from the affected waters and they are being consumed.

In addition, recently a group of 200 Vietnamese commercial fishermen filed suit in a Harris County District Court against some of the PRPs seeking recovery for damage to their business caused by the ban. This is very disconcerting because it supports our greatest fear that contaminated fish could be entering the commercial market.

This is one topic that County Attorney Vince Ryan would like to discuss with Administrator Curry and that hopefully we can discuss as well next week when I call.

Thanks again for helping us get through to the main office!

Regards,

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Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your note. I have let my management know about your request and will be in touch shortly. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Many thanks,

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